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IN THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner has objected to Figure 10 because it appears that the brake elements should be disposed between clamping elements 52 and 53. Figure 10 has been amended to move the clamping elements between these two elements. Figure 11A has been objected to as it appears that the pivot element of window 27 should be labeled. Figures 11A and 11B have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections. Full reconsideration is requested.

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REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to Figure 10 in that the brake element 53b should be disposed between clamping elements 52 and 53. This objection has been overcome by providing amended Figure 10 wherein the clamping elements are moved to the position suggested by the Examiner. Reconsideration and approval of Figure 10 is requested.

Figures 11A and 11B are objected to in that the pivot elements should be labeled. It is respectfully submitted that these Figures have been amended and approval of amended Figures 11A and B is requested.

The two pages containing Figure 10 and Figures 11A and 11B are individually labeled as "Replacement Sheet".

The abstract is objected to as containing improper formatting and language. Specifically, the Examiner has objected to the length of the abstract, use of the words "means" and "said", the phrase "above-mentioned ... combination" and failing to mention the pivot shoe.

The abstract has been replaced to overcome these objections. The replacement abstract is submitted by way of a separate sheet, and currently specifies the pivot shoe.

The Examiner has objected to page 1 of the disclosure as the title is not descriptive. The title has been changed to correctly distinguish the invention to which the claims are directed.

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The disclosure is objected to on page 24 on lines 1-2 for failing to explain how pivot 58b can engage the opening 51b. It is respectfully submitted that the language has been amended to overcome this objection.

Claim 13 is objected to as being indefinite for the use of certain terms such as "of", "having leading edges", "preferably", "means", "a clamping element", "said clamping members", "the window", "camming member elements", "the track to glide" and "/". The language has been amended to overcome these objections and full reconsideration is requested.

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Briggs in view of Goldenberg and Guelck as being obvious.

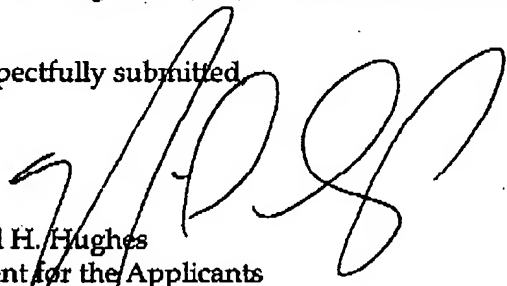
The Examiner has stated that claims 15-17 would be allowable if re-written to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claim 13 has therefore been amended to include the limitation of claim 15 to overcome the Examiner's objection and full reconsideration is requested.

It is therefore respectfully requested for the reasons set forth above, that the Examiner withdraw the objections and allow the application as amended.

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If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact
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Respectfully submitted,



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